

REMARKS

Claims 21, 22, 24 and 25-27 are now all the claims pending in the application. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claims 21, 22, 24, and 25, as well as the new claims 26 and 27, are supported in the originally-filed specification and/or in the priority document.

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for participating in the telephone interview conducted today by Applicant. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments and new claims patentably distinguish over the combined teachings of the applied references, for the reasons discussed during the interview.

Applicant will file Applicant's Statement of Substance of Interview after the Examiner's Interview Summary is received.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant herewith petitions the Director of the USPTO to extend the time for reply to the above-identified Office Action for an appropriate length of time, if necessary. Unless a check is attached, any fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is being paid via the USPTO Electronic Filing System, or if not paid through EFS, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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